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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated 05/08/2006, in the aboveidentified application. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.